

SIKKIM UNIVERSITY

RE – 14

REGULATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF MULTIPLE ENTRY & EXIT

[Based on National Education Policy 2020]

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(Under Section 31 of SU Act & Statute 41)

The NEP 2020 recommends an adaptable curriculum framework, along with the inclusion of multiple entry and exit points and re-entry options. This opens up exciting prospects for lifelong learning. Sikkim University implements the four-year undergraduate program structure as proposed by the NEP 2020, as well as a two-year postgraduate program. Students will have the flexibility to enter and exit the programs at various points within this timeframe, earning appropriate certifications along the way.

The structure of the undergraduate programme shall be as follows:

- a) Certificate after completion of one year (two semesters);
- b) Diploma after completion of two years (four semesters);
- c) Bachelor's Degree after completion of three years (six semesters);
- d) Bachelor's Degree with Honours / Research after completion of four years (eight semesters).

The structure of the postgraduate programme shall be as follows:

- a) Postgraduate diploma after completion of one year (two semesters) of post-graduate programme
- b) Postgraduate degree after completion of two years (four semesters).

1. Level 4.5: Undergraduate Certificate (in the field of discipline)

The Undergraduate certificate (in the field of discipline) is awarded to candidates who exit after studying the first year i.e. two semesters of the undergraduate programme.

Entry pathways

- (i) Candidates who have completed Grade 12 or equivalent examinations with the required percentage / CGPA are eligible to apply for admission to the first semester of the undergraduate programme.
- (ii) Entry to the first semester of the first year of the undergraduate programme shall be open to those who fulfil the requirements of the Entrance Test as per the admission guidelines of Sikkim University.
- (iii) Entry to the first semester shall be granted as per the number of vacancies available in the programme at the University.
- (iv) There shall be no lateral entry in the Second Semester.

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Exit pathways

- (i) Candidates may exit with the Undergraduate certificate (in the field of discipline) after completing the First Year (after Second Semester) of the Undergraduate Programme with a minimum of 40 credits, followed by an additional exit 4 credit skill-enhancement course(s).
- (ii) Exit after earning the required credits after completion of two semesters i.e. one year of the Undergraduate Programme shall be allowed.
- (iii) The exit with Undergraduate Certificate shall be allowed only in an even semester i.e. only after completion of the second semester.
- (iv) Candidates with back paper will not be awarded an Undergraduate certificate (in the field of discipline).

2. Level 5: Undergraduate Diploma (in the field of discipline)

Undergraduate Diploma (in the field of discipline) is awarded to those candidates who exit after two years (Four Semesters) of study of the Undergraduate Programme.

Entry pathways

- (i) Candidates who have completed first year (second semester) are eligible to apply for entry to the Second Year (third semester) of the Undergraduate Programme.
- (ii) A 10% of the total intake or as per the vacant seat available in the department may be allowed as lateral entry in the third semester for those students who have successfully completed second semester (first year) of the Undergraduate Programme with requisite credits / CGPA.
- (iii) Lateral entry in Third Semester is subject to availability of vacancies in the Department.
- (iv) Lateral entry in third semester is subject to student securing qualifying marks in entrance test conducted by the University.
- (v) Lateral entry is allowed only in the third semester of the Undergraduate Programme.

Exit pathways

- (i) Candidates may exit with UG Diploma after successfully completing the Second Year (after four semesters) of the Undergraduate Programme with a minimum of 80 credits, followed by an additional exit 4 credit skill-enhancement course(s) lasting two months.
- (ii) Exit after earning the required credits after Two Years (fourth semester) shall be allowed.
- (iii) Exit shall be allowed only in even semester i.e. after successful completion of the Second Year (fourth semester).

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- (iv) Candidates with back paper will not be awarded Under-graduate diploma (in the field of discipline).

3. Level 5.5- Bachelor's Degree

The duration of the Bachelor's Degree programme is three years (Six Semesters).

Entry pathways

- (i) Candidates who have successfully completed the Second Year (Fourth Semester) are eligible to apply for entry to Third Year (Fifth Semester) of the Undergraduate Programme.
- (ii) A 10 % of the total intake or as per the vacant seat available in department may be allowed as lateral entry in the Fifth Semester in the Third Year of the undergraduate programme subject to fulfillment of entrance criteria, and requisite credits.
- (iii) Lateral entry may be granted subject to availability of vacant seats in each department.
- (iv) Lateral entry in fifth semester is subject to student securing qualifying marks in entrance test conducted by the University.

Exit pathways

- (i) Candidates may exit with Bachelor's Degree after successful completion of the Three Years (Six Semesters) of study of the Undergraduate Programme with a minimum 120credits.
- (ii) The exit shall be allowed only in even semester i.e. Sixth Semester
- (iii) Candidates with back paper will not be awarded Bachelor's degree.

4. Level 6- Bachelor's Degree with Honours / Research

The duration of the Bachelor's Degree with honours or research is Four Years (Eight Semesters)

Entry pathways

- (i) Candidates who have successfully completed Three Years (Six Semesters) of undergraduate programme are eligible for continuation/entry/admission to Fourth Year (Seventh Semester) of the UG programme with a minimum CGPA of 7.5 in ten-point scale.
- (ii) Continuation of the under graduate programme of study shall be based on the evaluation of documentary evidence (the academic record and/or evidence relating to the assessment and certification of prior learning) of the applicant's ability to pursue study during the Fourth Year (Seventh & Eighth Semesters) of the 4- year Bachelor's degree (Honours/Research) programme.
- (iii) The total intake may be allowed under lateral entry in Seventh Semester

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of UG Programme subject to availability of vacancies.

Exit pathways

- (i) The award of Bachelor Degree with Honours/Research shall be awarded to a candidate after the successful completion of study of the Undergraduate Programme with minimum 160credits, that is, minimum 40 credits at level 4.5, minimum 40credits at level 5, minimum 40 credits at level 5.5, and minimum 40credits at level6.

5. Level 6.5 - Postgraduate Degree Program

The duration of the Postgraduate program is two Years (four semesters).

Entry pathways:

- (i) Candidates who have successfully completed the three year bachelor degree programme are eligible to apply for admission to the first semester of postgraduate programme.
- (ii) Candidates who have successfully completed the four year bachelor degree programme who wish to do two year post graduate programme are eligible to apply for admission to the first semester of postgraduate programme.
- (iii) Entry to first semester of the first year of post graduate programme shall be open to those who fulfill the requirements of the Entrance Test as per the PG admission guidelines of Sikkim University. The evaluation will also be based on the documentary evidence (including academic records) of the applicant's ability to undertake post graduate programme.
- (iv) Entry to the first semester shall be granted as per the number of vacancies available in the PG programme in the University.
- (v) There shall be no lateral entry in the Second Semester of Post graduate programme.
- (vi) Candidates who have successfully completed the one year of post graduate diploma programme are eligible to apply for admission to the third semester of the two year postgraduate programme.
- (vii) In case of library and information science, candidates successfully completed the First Year (after Second Semester) of the postgraduate programme with a minimum of 40 credits, with **Bachelor of Library and Information Sciences** will be eligible for entry to third semester of Post graduate programme in Library and Information.

Exit pathways

- (i) Candidates who join two years post graduate programme, may exit after successfully completing the First Year (after Second Semester) of the postgraduate Programme with a minimum of 40 credits, for which they will be awarded a **post graduate diploma**.
- (ii) The Post Graduate Diploma will be considered level 6 of the programme.

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- (iii) The candidates who exit after successfully completing two year (four semester) of the Post Graduate programme with a minimum of 80 credits, for which they will be awarded Post Graduate degree.
- (iv) In case of library and information science, candidates may exit after successfully completing the First Year (after Second Semester) of the postgraduate programme with a minimum of 40 credits, for which they will be awarded a **Bachelor of Library and Information Sciences**.
- (v) In case of library and information science, the candidates who exit after successfully completing two years (four semester) of the Post Graduate programme with a minimum of 80 credits, for which they will be awarded Post Graduate degree.

6. Level 6.5 – One Year Postgraduate Degree Program

The duration of the one year Postgraduate program is two semesters.

Entry pathways:

- (i) Candidates who have successfully completed the four year bachelor degree programme (Honours / Research) as per NEP 2020 are eligible to apply for admission to the first semester of one year postgraduate programme.
- (ii) Entry to first semester of the one year of post graduate programme shall be open to those who fulfill the requirements of the Entrance Test as per the PG admission guidelines of Sikkim University. The evaluation will also be based on the documentary evidence (including academic records) of the applicant's ability to undertake post graduate programme.
- (iii) Entry to the first semester shall be granted as per the number of vacancies available in the PG programme in the University.
- (iv) There shall be no lateral entry in the Second Semester of one year Post graduate programme.

Exit pathways

- (i) There shall be only one exit point for those candidates who join one year post graduate programme, Candidates may exit after successfully completing the after Second Semester of the one year postgraduate Programme with a minimum of 40 credits, for which they will be awarded a **one year post graduate degree program**.

Removal of Difficulties

Notwithstanding anything contained above, the Vice-Chancellor shall have the power to remove any difficulty faced in the implementation of the above regulation.

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